

Trinity Happenings

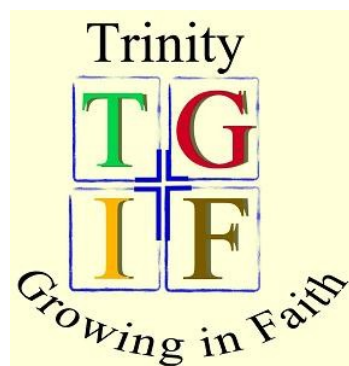
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Our Mission

We are here to:
Worship God,
Walk with Jesus,
Change lives,
and Serve the
community, through the
power of the Holy Spirit.



“BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD”

Last week we began a worship/sermon series called “BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD”. Our theme is taken from the songs of praise offered by Hannah, Mary & Zechariah. In response to the unlikely birth of a child, a song of thanksgiving pours forth from their hearts as they exalt God for his goodness. This is a reminder to us of God’s generosity and the response of thankfulness by people of faith. Our sequence will be:

- Nov. 16th - Hannah (1Samuel 2:1-11)
- Nov. 23rd - Mary mother of Jesus (The “Magnificat” Luke 1:46-55)
- Nov. 30th - Zechariah father of John the Baptist (The “Benedictus” Luke 1:68-79)
- Dec. 7th - Simeon “Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29)
- Dec. 14th - Saints in Glory (Rev. 5:1-14)

Last week we began the series focusing on Hannah, the mother of Samuel. This week we continue with a focus on Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her song of praise called “The Magnificat”.

The significance of Hannah’s song cannot be overestimated. It endured eleven centuries and touched the life of a young Jewish handmaiden who was also a “songwriter.” Like Hannah’s song, Mary’s “Magnificat” begins with the hope of a miracle. The young woman, Mary, the mother of Jesus, was in a situation quite different from Hannah’s. Hannah was scandalous because she was infertile and emotive. Mary was preposterous because she was pregnant and described her child’s origins strangely. Differences aside, both women were acutely aware of how God worked to change the course of history through the lives of the infants they carried.

When compared lyrically with Hannah’s song, Mary’s song is strikingly similar, expressing a common belief about God’s intentions that remained steadfast throughout history. Mary also believed God cared about the humble, and she rested in God’s holiness and justice.

As a teenager herself, Mary’s example is particularly riveting for young Christians. Our vision for them should include character development. This involves familiarity with Scripture, a commitment to spiritual growth, and a sense of community responsibility in their adolescent years. If they decide to marry, they should select their spouses as Joseph and Mary did, seeking someone equally impassioned about God’s designs for the world. We need Christian young people who aspire to be like Mary—humble, God-fearing, justice-oriented, and committed to God’s people.

Spiritual development, however, is a communal responsibility. It was a faith community that raised a young woman like Mary. It was a community committed to God’s plan for the world, whose members told and retold their stories and modeled a lifestyle of prayer and scripture for our Lord’s mother. Our congregation must be similar if we are to produce teenagers with Mary’s qualities. God help us to be obedient and effective.

DAILY DEVOTIONS:

The following are some daily devotions which will serve as a follow up to today’s sermon and as preparation for next week’s theme. If you don’t already have a pattern of daily Bible reading & prayer this is a good way to begin. To assist in your prayers you can use the “Collect of the Day” from today’s yellow bulletin. It is a theme prayer in keeping with the Bible readings of the week. You will notice a significant growth in your spiritual life if you are able to take a few minutes each day for Bible reading and prayer. This will also be a good way to journey through Advent and prepare your heart for the celebration of Christmas. Second week November 24-28th:

- * Monday: Luke 1: 39-56 (The Magnificat)
- * Tuesday: Luke 2: 1-7
- * Wednesday: Matthew 1: 18-25
- * Thursday: 1Peter 1: 1-9
- * Friday: Philippians 2: 1-13



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STEWARDSHIP: As we reflect on God's generosity and the response of thankfulness by people of faith (like Hannah & Mary), it is an opportunity for us to consider God's gifts in our own life and our response. The mailing from last week outlines the ministry of Trinity and the objectives that the Lord has laid on our heart. Please read through the material. There is an Intention card we are asking you to complete and return. There is a confidential return envelope which goes directly to our Envelope Secretary. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

WEB SITE:

If you missed last week notes and Bible readings or if you will be traveling in future weeks you can keep pace with us on the church web site. Each week we will post the theme notes and the Bible readings. Visit us at www.trinitybarrie.ca

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - November 23rd "Reign of Christ"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
 10:00 a.m. - Holy Communion, Nursery in Undercroft,
 Children's Service in Aud
 Youth Alpha in Lower Hall
 12:00 p.m. - Vision Committee Meeting & lunch in Aud.

MONDAY

9 a.m. -12 p.m. - Flu Shot Clinic in Busby Centre
 1:30 p.m. - Miracles of Jesus Study in Upper Rm.
 6:30 p.m. - Dinner, Miracles of Jesus Study
 6:30 p.m. - Dinner & Alpha Study in Aud.

TUESDAY

12:45 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - Beth Moore Course, Upper Rm
 7:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Team Plays Advent & Christmas in the Bayfield Mall (Lwr Fl.)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion
 7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast at Simcoe Hotel
 6:45 p.m. - Beth Moore Course in Upper Rm.
 *The Truth Project -- Rescheduled for Dec 3rd -- *

THURSDAY

5:45 p.m. - Scouts Family Potluck Banquet in Aud.
 6:30 p.m. - D. Busby Centre Outreach Training, Lower Hall
 7:00 p.m. - Sr. Choir Practice in Sanctuary

FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. - Taize Service in Sanctuary

SATURDAY

7:45 a.m. - Men's Breakfast in Aud. Speaker: The Very Rev. Peter Williams.
 9:30 a.m. - Hour Of Prayer in Upper Rm.

SUNDAY - Nov. 30th "First of Advent"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
 10:00 a.m. - Advent Christmas Carols & Lessons, Nursery in Undercroft, Children in Aud., Jr. Youth in Upper Rm.
 10:00 a.m. Youth Alpha at St. Margarets
 12:00 p.m. - Newcomers Luncheon in Aud.

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week (Nov.16) was: 8:00 a.m.= 35, 10:00 a.m. = 104, for a total of 139, including 14 Children & Teachers.

FROM THE MAIL "Thank You"

Rev. Canon Brain McVitty, Rev. Andrew Sandilands and the Congregation.

Thank you ever so much for your prayers, your wishes for a successful operation and recovery and of course, for the flowers which brighten up my front room.

The operation went well but the recovery will take time as with most operations.

I thank you all for your well wishes and of course, most of all, I thank God.

Frank Lawson

If writing to Trinity, please remember that our address is P.O. Box 641, Barrie, ON, L4M 4V1.

CHRISTMAS MITTEN TREE

Please consider donating a new pair of mittens for the 2008 Mitten Tree at Trinity. All mittens will be donated to the David Busby Street Centre. Whether handmade or purchased, any donation will be greatly appreciated. If you have ever had cold fingers you know what it is like not to have a pair to keep you hands warm. The Mitten Tree will be in the church beginning Nov. 30th.

FLU SHOTS: Available to Trinity, Mon., Nov. 24th 9 a.m. - 12 noon in Busby Centre.

SCREENING IN FAITH CANCELLED this month. We'll re-schedule for January.

KIWANIS CHRISTMAS CAKES FOR SALE

Combo \$12.00, Ring \$13.00
 Excellent as Christmas Gifts. Please contact Keith Caldwell at 721-0737.

KING EDWARD CHOIR

Our popular Christmas concert for the whole family is to be held at Collier Street United Church on November 29th @ 2pm. & 7.30 pm. Tickets are \$20 (adults) or \$50 for the series of 3 concerts. Tickets available from several trinity choir members. Reception following the evening performance. This concert will appeal to all ages.

Parish Info and Updates

ALPHA COURSE

As you heard from some of the participants last Sunday we had a wonderful ALPHA retreat weekend earlier this month. When asked what was the highlight or the greatest blessing so far, some of the responses were:

- the feeling of belonging and the many points to ponder
- the belief that I matter to God and he loves me and that I am truly forgiven for my past
- the sharing and fellowship and encouraging messages from Nicky Gumble
- great transformation bringing Christ into my life
- felt transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit during prayer ministry
- feeling the Holy Spirit for the first time and getting to know others
- strengthening my walk with Jesus
- being able to forgive my father

INDOOR PARKING

Now that winter has arrived please remember that there is indoor parking in the city garage on the south side of Collier St. opposite our Auditorium. Parking there is FREE weekends and evenings.

MANY THANKS

Our thanks to all those who go the extra distance to make possible the ministry here at Trinity. We want to acknowledge and thank:

** The team of guys who dug up our sewer pipe and repaired it: Kim Beaney, Andrew Hill and Roger Cox. Thanks for this needed repair prior to the winter weather.

** Jessie and Kelsey Jackson who have provided Nursery Care for the New Parent's Group all through the fall season. It was a big help -- many thanks.

MILESTONES

** Mary McConney who celebrated her 80th birthday this week !!

** Andrew Rogerson who became a Canadian citizen last week!

AMAZING GRACE -- Today November 23rd

Anglican Churches across the country will be asked to sing "Amazing Grace" on Sunday November 23rd and to make a video recording of it to be posted on YouTube. It is our plan to do this at both 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

NEWSLETTER

Last week's Newsletter contains information from our Stewardship Committee. Enclosed charts show the income and expenses of this ministry. Please take some time as a family to consider the Intention Card. We ask you to return it to the church in the confidential return envelope. The ongoing ministry of Trinity depends on the faithful generosity of its members.

ALPHA & HOME GROUPS BANQUET -- Monday Dec. 1st 6:00 pm

There will be an end of season Banquet for all the ALPHA and Home Group participants on Monday Dec. 1st at 6:00 pm in the church auditorium. There will be great food, music, slide show, video clips and testimonies. It is a time to celebrate all that God has done in our hearts. Please invite guests you think would be interested in Home Groups next season. Cost is \$10 per person. Pre-registration with Norm Marrow is required.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE - Sunday Nov. 30th

To launch the Advent season the Choir will lead us in singing Advent carols on Sunday Nov. 30th at 10:00 a.m.

SHUT - IN SERVICE - Wed. Dec. 17th at 10:30 a.m.

Twice a year (Christmas and Easter) we have a special service in the church for all our shut-ins. The aisle is lined with wheelchairs. After the service we serve sandwiches and squares. Our thanks to Joan Winters (and her team) for arranging and serving the luncheon. We need some additional assistance with this. If you can help on the day, or drop off food, please call Joan Winters, or the church office. Many thanks for making Christmas extra special for those who are confined to their homes..

NEWCOMERS' LUNCH - Sunday, November 30th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A number of newcomers have been invited, by written invitation, to join us in the main hall for lunch on the 30th. If you are new to Trinity, or you know someone who has been coming to Trinity for a short – or, a long time, and hasn't been duly welcomed, please let us know by phoning Mary at the office 728-2691. We don't want anyone to be missed!

The Newcomers' Vision Team

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*A dramatic reading of CBC Radio's A Christmas Carol

Presented by the Simcoe County Museum

Saturday November 29, 2008 at 7pm

Central United Church

54 Ross Street, Barrie

Tickets \$15

Proceeds to the Simcoe County Museum

Featured Readers:

Jeff Goodes-CBC Radio (Fresh Air)

Deb James-Kool FM

Glenn Coulson-Rogers Daytime

Colin MacDonald-Pastor Central United

Marty Beecroft-Musician and Actor

Hosted by: Dale Smith Kool FM

For tickets call 728-3721

Taizé Prayer Service

Friday, November 28th , 7:30, at Trinity Anglican Church, 24 Collier Street.

We invite you into reflection and meditation

through prayer, song, Scripture and silence. This service is

hosted by The Barrie Taizé Community—A partnership of Christian Churches.

If you can help by bringing some goodies for coffee afterwards or would be willing to read a short prayer or scripture during the service it would be greatly appreciated.

For more information please call Bronwen Jones 735-1989

MEN'S NOVEMBER BREAKFAST

Saturday 29th 7:45 A.M.

Speaker Rev Peter Williams

Topic" REFLECTIONS of the NORTH.

Free will donation.

Breakfast is open to all men of the
Parish .

Please feel free to join us

- friends, neighbors All are welcome.

Blessings Mark and Earl

Bayfield Mall

On Tuesday Nov. 25th between 7 -
9pm, the Contemporary Worship Team
will be playing on the lower level of the
Bayfield Mall (near Canadian Tire).
There will be chairs set up in front of the
stage. Come out and join your voices in
singing some Advent and Christmas
songs. We look forward to seeing you
there!